

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 08-780V
(Not to be published)

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLIE JACOBS,
as parents and legal representatives
of M.A.J., a minor,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

Respondent.

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Filed: January 29, 2015

Decision on Attorneys'
Fees and Costs

DECISION (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,¹ I issued a decision on June 13, 2014. On January 28, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation Regarding Final Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of \$23,590.50, representing attorneys' fees and costs of \$23,260.00, and \$330.50 of costs expended by petitioners.

An award for fees and costs is appropriate at this time, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amounts seem reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, I hereby award the following attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1):

- a lump sum of \$23,260.00, in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and petitioners' counsel, Clifford J. Shoemaker, on account of services performed by counsel's law firm.

¹ The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

- a lump sum of \$330.50, in the form of a check payable to petitioners, which represents petitioners' own litigation expenses in this case.

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.
George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.